

Lower Yakima Valley SDWA Petition, Quarterly Kickoff Meeting

DRAFT Agenda February 9 (9 – 12)

Attendance (see below for Invitees):

EPA, Ecology, DOH, Ag, Yakima County & Health District

Introductions (9 – 9:15)

Discuss public health protection goals and actions relevant to SDWA Petition for Emergency Action

- Expectations -- what can states do vs. EPA vs. collaborative efforts (e.g., data analysis, outreach)
 - o Coordination through quarterly updates
 - o How to build on what has been accomplished?

Safe Water Planning and Implementation – (9:15 – 10:45)

Discuss funding and coordination to revive outreach, testing and alternative water going forward:

- Recap of prior efforts to date in outreach, tracking, and provision of alternative water
 - o Based on prior efforts, how should current efforts be prioritized?
 - o Which of the 64 recommended actions relate to ensuring immediate action to provide alternative drinking water and what is their implementation status?
 - o Debrief of 2021 pilot project to provide alternative water to residences participating in Ecology's ambient groundwater monitoring network. (~75 homes)
- 2022 state agency budget requests
 - o Describe potential funding and how it would be allocated.
 - o Discuss continued funding for Yakima Health Dept for testing/alternative water
- Staffing & coordination w/counties
 - o Describe plan to coordinate with stakeholders (i.e., counties, state agencies, governor's office, etc.)
- Public notice & education
 - o Describe efforts to identify and contact each private well user
- Water testing and provision of alternate water
 - o Describe plan and status
 - o Discuss feasibility of options to supply alternative drinking water: PWS line extension, water delivery, treatment units, etc.
- Public Records
 - o How will the state/county track progress and publish records related to these efforts?
- Plans to further evaluate the compliance status of non-transient non-community water systems that should be regulated under the SDWA.
- Goals for FY23 – state/local funding requests, availability, needs

10 min Break

Regulation of Nitrate Sources (10:55 – 11:40 am)

- Description of regulatory scheme
 - o How does Ecology expect recent NPDES CAFO General Permit to be utilized and how can it help ensure nitrate contamination in groundwater improves?

- Clarify for which facilities in the LYV Ecology expects NPDES permit coverage.
 - How will state agencies influence additional CAFOs to obtain coverage under the NPDES CAFO General Permit?
- Who is expected to apply/when? How will Ecology/Ag identify them?
- Which permits will require groundwater monitoring? When will monitoring be required?
- Compliance Assurance and Inspections
 - Describe compliance assurance and enforcement efforts
- Funding and staffing
 - Describe current status of funding and staffing for efforts to regulate nitrate sources.
 - Describe legislative requests for funding to control nitrate sources.

Next Steps – EPA (11:40-12pm)

- Quarterly meetings: confirm the appropriate participation, format, content
- Quarterly progress reports: determine the appropriate timing, format and content. In its November letter, EPA requested quarterly progress reports that
 - (a) describe actions taken during the previous quarter to address the immediate health impacts of nitrate contamination;
 - (b) identify major accomplishments and issues that arose;
 - (c) describe actions planned for the next quarter; and
 - (d) describe any problems or delays encountered and the solutions implemented to address them.
- Identify Agency Staff points of contact

Invited...

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